



HELPING CREATE JOBS & IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN RURAL MISSOURI

- Strengthening our national security as Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.
- Bringing new missions to Whiteman Air Force Base and Fort Leonard Wood, which create jobs and improve the economy of rural Missouri – from 2002 to 2008, Whiteman AFB and Fort Leonard Wood have had a \$4.3 billion impact on the local economy and have produced tens of thousands of local jobs.
- Fighting to protect rural drinking water supplies and to fund critical rural drinking water programs.
- Cosponsoring H.R. 2206, the Grassroots Rural Water Systems Act, a bill supported by Missouri's rural water coalitions to reauthorize and modernize federal technical assistance programs available to small public water systems.
- Supporting legislation, H.R. 5017, to strengthen the USDA Rural Housing program, which helps people in small town America purchase homes and strengthens the economy.
- Urging USDA to ensure proper funding for the Rural Utility Service, which issues loans to rural electric cooperatives. Rural electric cooperatives are vital to small town economies.
- Supporting investments in and writing letters of support for rural broadband Internet expansion throughout the countryside, which will help connect rural America to the information superhighway and lure jobs to small towns.
- Opposing a House chemical security regulation bill because it fails to adequately address the concerns of agricultural retailers, like MFA, and of Farm Bureau members. Before becoming law, the bill ought to better take into consideration the impacts on rural jobs.
- Supporting the Small Business Jobs Act, now law, which would cut small business taxes, stimulate small business export promotion, and expand small business trade opportunities. The law was supported by the Farm Bureau.